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FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED HELP CLARIFY SITUATION RE NEW OIL STRIKES IN GULF OF SUEZ AND WESTERN DESERT (SOURCES ARE MINISTER HILAL AND AMOCO CHIEF ROSS CRAIG):

1. DEMINEX - GERMANS HAVE STRUCK OIL IN WELL DRILLED IN BLOCK L-87 ROUGHLY MID-WAY BETWEEN AMOCO'S MORGAN AND RAMADAN FILDS. WELL STRUCK ONLY 30FEET OF PAYLOAD; PRODUCTION ESTIMATES ARE 3500 BPD. IT IS NOT A COMMERCIAL FIND BUT PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF THE BED ARE SO GOOD THAT DEMINEX IS MOVING RIG DUE NORTH IN HOPES OF DRILLING NEW WELL WHICH MIGHT STRIKE THICKER PAYLOAD.

2. AMOCO S. GHARIB. AMOCO HAS FOUND OIL IN WELL DRILLED ABOUT 2 KM FROM EASTERN SHORE IN BLOCK 300, WELL SHOWS 500-900 FEET OF PAYLOAD. (OIL IS 24 DEGREES IN QUALITY, AVERAGE SULPHUR CONTENT FOR EGYPTIAN CRUDES ABOUT 2.0). THIS IS FORMER JAPANESE AREA WHICH AMOCO WON IN 1976 NEGOTIATIONS.

3. AMOCO S. GARRA. AMOCO HAS HIT 500-900 FEET OF PAYLOAD IN TWO WELLS IN AREA OFF SHORE RAS GARRA, SOUTHERNMOST PORTION OF ORIGINAL 1964 CONCESSION (QUALITY IS 34 DEGREES; AVERAGE SULPHUR).

4. BRASPETRO HAS HIT GAS IN ITS WESTERN DESERT CONCESSION. IT PER SE
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IS NOT COMMERCIAL BUT CLOSE PROXIMITY TO AMOCO GHARDIGH GAS

FACILITY MAKES IT WORTH PIPING BRASPETRO DISCOVERING INTO
GHARDIG AREA.
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